UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE STUDY PLAN

Study ID code CAPMC-T-0221-CP

Title Evaluation of native NPS plants for use in the restoration

of disturbed NPS lands

National Project No. Critical area 1.1

Study Type AE Study status Active

Location CAPMC

Study Leader David Dyer, CAPMC

Duration 2002 - 2005

Cooperators NPS

Land Use Wildland

Vegetative Practices Primary 342 Critical area planting

Secondary 645 Upland wildlife habitat management

Resource concerns Resource Consideration/Problem

Soil Restoration, soil erosion

Animals Wildlife
Plants Native species

Long Range Plan Study falls under Section IV, Part 1 and 4 of the CA PM

LRP

Description USDI-NPS contract to increase seed and determine best

seed production methods

Status of Knowledge Improved plant materials do not exist in large quantities for

restoration and erosion control of disturbed sites.

Experimental Design Plot evaluations at field sites

Treatment 1 Title: Evaluate for production performance

Description: Evaluate NPS seed production fields at the PMC for mechanical harvest and seed cleaning abilities.

Materials and Methods Samples of seed cleaned and assembled form NPS

collections. Seed will be assembled in 2003. Small lot increases will be placed on landscape fabric for weed

control and seed harvest. Large increase lots will be planted (seeded or transplanted) at 30" row spacing. In regards to each species, seed maturity and harvest methods will be evaluated. Seed cleaning methods will be determined.

Final Evaluations None

Technology Transfer

Products

TechNote, foundation seed

Literature Cited There is a need for NPS native plant species which

can be used for restoration of road cuts on NPS lands which

will lead to the improvement of habitat.

Keywords Native species, restoration, native grass, erosion control

Review by: CA. State Plant Materials Committee **Approvals:** As per approval of CAPMC Business Plan